

**ELMIRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ELMIRA, NEW YORK**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**EFA-Community Room  
933 Hoffman Street  
Elmira, NY 14905**

**January 23, 2008  
6:00 pm Meeting  
7:00 pm Executive Session**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

President Hurley called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:04 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Michael Crimmins, Daniel Hurley, Robin Long, Rodney Strange, Mary Beth Turner, Robert Woods

Student Representatives: Southside High School Student Representative Katelyn Cooper

Absent: Anthony Fisher, Jr. Lynn Grottenthaler, Ethel Stroman, Alternative High School Student Representative Shayna Perry, Elmira Free Academy Student Representative Kathleen Denicola

Others: Dr. Raymond Bryant, David Gleason, Joseph Hochreiter, Christine Mecke, Attorney John Ryan, Robert Van Keuren

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Woods moved, seconded by Mr. Crimmins to approve the agenda with the following change:

- Delete item E-Personnel from the agenda

Motion Carried:

Yes: Crimmins, Hurley, Long, Strange, Turner, Woods

No: None

Absent: Fisher, Grottenthaler, Stroman

**2008-2009 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT AND CONTRACT FOR EXCELLENCE**

Dr. Bryant opened the meeting by stating that the District is required by law to hold a public meeting regarding Contract for Excellence and how the funds will be utilized.

Mr. Hochreiter presented a brief power point presentation explaining the Contract for Excellence. Mr. Hochreiter explained that the District must allocate funding to each initiative and have periodic reviews by the State Education Department. He went through the contract process which began in April 2007 and continued through December 2007. He explained the allowable

spending areas which are as follows:

- Class Size Reduction
- Teacher/Principal Quality
- Student Time on Task
- Middle School/High School Restructuring
- Maintain Existing Programs
- Universal Pre Kindergarten/Kindergarten

Mr. Hochreiter stated that the three areas that the District is focusing on are class size reduction, teacher/principal quality and maintaining existing programs.

Mr. Gleason presented the executive budget proposal annual comparison report. This report contains estimates from the proposed Governor's state aid budget which compares 2006-07 and 2007-08 aid to his proposed figures for 2008-09. They are as follows:

**Foundation Aid**-\$54,676,372 difference from 07-08 \$5,365,666

**Transportation** -\$2,997,092 difference from 07-08 \$240,499

**BOCES & Special Services**- \$7,447,884 difference from 07-08  
\$636,949

**Universal Pre-K** -\$1,489,767 difference from 07-08 \$136,768

**Building Aid**- \$22,076,791 difference from 07-08 \$14,388,342

**Total Aid without Bldg.**-\$68,369,249 difference from 07-08  
\$5,769,541

**Total Aid with Bldg.**-\$90,446,040 difference from 07-08  
\$20, 157, 883

**(there are some discrepancies in the total aid with building area)**

Dr. Bryant asked if there was anyone from the public that wished to make suggestions as to how the funds from Contract for Excellence should be spent.

Doug Martin, ETA President suggested that some of the funds be used for teachers' salaries for the night school program.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Woods moved, seconded by Mr. Strange that the Board move into Executive Session for discussions about proposed, pending or current litigation, collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law; also included for motion Mr. Woods moved, seconded by Mr. Strange that the Board appoint Mr. Crimmins as Clerk Pro Tem in the absence of the Clerk. Mr. Gleason, Mr. Hochreiter Mrs. Mecke, Attorney John Ryan, and

Mr. Russ Robinson from Welliver McGuire were invited into Executive Session. (6:41 p.m.)

Motion Carried:

Yes: Crimmins, Hurley, Long, Strange, Turner, Woods

No: None

Absent: Fisher, Grottenthaler, Stroman

Janet M. Watson  
Board Clerk

**RETURN TO OPEN  
SESSION**

Mrs. Long moved, seconded by Mr. Woods that the Board return to Open Session. (8:23 p.m.)

Motion Carried:

Yes: Crimmins, Hurley, Long, Strange, Turner, Woods

No: None

Absent: Fisher, Grottenthaler, Stroman

Mr. Crimmins  
Clerk Pro Tem

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Strange moved, seconded by Mrs. Long that the meeting be adjourned. (8:24 p.m.)

Motion Carried:

Yes: Crimmins, Hurley, Long, Strange, Turner, Woods

No: None

Absent: Fisher, Grottenthaler, Stroman